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 UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
 TREASURY DEPARTMENT

ORIGIN \ Field	OFFICE	New Orleans	FILE NO.	CO-2-34,030
TYPE OF CASE		STATUS	TITLE OR CAPTION	
Protective Research		Closed	Lee Harvey Oswald	
INVESTIGATION MADE AT		PERIOD COVERED	Assassination of President John F. Kennedy	
New Orleans, Louisiana		8-18-64		
INVESTIGATION MADE BY				
SA A. G. Vial & SAIC John W. Rice				

DETAILS SYNOPSIS

At the request of Inspector Thomas J. Kelley, inquiries were made in New Orleans 8-18-64 to determine if there is any record of Lee Harvey Oswald, @ Alex Hidell, having traveled from New Orleans, La., to Dallas, Texas, on 9-25-63, by bus, train or airlines. Bus and train schedules are such that he could not have traveled during the hours indicated, and no record is maintained as to the passengers. There was no record of anyone having traveled by Trans Texas Airlines to Dallas on 9-25-63. Permanent records of Eastern Airlines and National Airlines are kept at Miami, and Delta Airlines records are maintained at Atlanta. The Miami and Atlanta offices were requested to make appropriate inquiries in their districts.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Reference is made to previous report submitted in this case.

On 8-18-64, at 10:20 AM (CST), Inspector Thomas J. Kelley called the New Orleans Office and spoke with SA Adrian G. Vial. He advised that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had placed Oswald in New Orleans at 8:00 AM on 9-25-63; and that he allegedly went to Dallas, Texas, that same date, arriving between 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM. It was requested that this office check out any possible means of transportation Oswald could have used, such as bus, train and airlines, and that the manifests of all airlines from New Orleans to Dallas be checked for the names Lee Harvey Oswald and Alex Hidell; that if any record was available, the seating arrangements should be ascertained since Oswald may have been

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Atlanta	cc		APPROVED	<i>John W. Rice</i>	DATE
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with two Spaniards.

Inspector Kelley further requested that if airlines records are at a central location outside New Orleans, the appropriate offices of this Service should be telephonically contacted for expeditious check.

On 8-18-64 SA A. G. Vial ascertained that Delta and Eastern are the only two major airlines with direct flights from New Orleans to Dallas, and that National Airlines has flights from New Orleans to Houston, but not to Dallas. He further ascertained that the records, including manifests, are retained in New Orleans for only three months. Delta records are transferred to the General Acctg. Office, Atlanta, Georgia. Eastern records are transferred to the Division of Tickets, Miami, Florida, and National Airlines records are maintained in Miami.

At approximately 11:00 AM on 8-18-64 SA Vial telephonically furnished the above information to SAIC A. B. Wentz, Atlanta; and at 11:10 AM to SA Robert J. Jamison, Miami.

SA Vial also ascertained that the fastest travel time from New Orleans to Dallas via Greyhound Bus is 16 hours, normal time 18 hours. One bus departs 12:45 AM and arrives Dallas 7:00 PM.

The fastest travel time to Dallas via Continental Trailways is 15 hours. One bus departs 10:30 AM and arrives 1:25 AM. Another departs 12:30 PM and arrives 3:15 PM.

It was ascertained that only the Texas and Pacific Railroad has direct service from New Orleans to Dallas. One train departs 8:15 AM and arrives Dallas 8:25 PM. The only other train departs 8:30 PM and arrives Dallas 9:00 AM.

The Southern Pacific RR carries passengers from New Orleans to Houston, Texas, but not to Dallas. The one train departs 12:30 PM and arrives Houston 9:15 PM.

It was ascertained by SAIC Rice that the Trans Texas Airlines has two flights daily from New Orleans to Dallas. One flight departs 6:40 AM. The other departs 3:15 PM and arrives Dallas 7:15 PM. Inquiry of Mr. Dan Johnson, of this airline, disclosed that the records are maintained in New Orleans, but that the names of Oswald or Hidell did not appear on the reservation list.

The above information was furnished Inspector Thomas J. Kelley by telephone at 1:15 PM on 8-18-64. He requested that the names of all passengers on the Trans Texas flight at 3:15 PM be ascertained and included in the report.

Later this same date I contacted Mr. Carl Blouin, Manager, Trans Texas Airlines, who after making further check of records advised that there were no Dallas passengers on that flight. This small airline makes many stops between New Orleans and Dallas.

Mr. Blouin pointed out that almost all Dallas passengers take Delta or Eastern airlines, which offer direct, non-stop service, and that Trans Texas usually takes on passengers for Dallas in intermediate stops in Louisiana and Texas.

Due to the time factor, it is apparent that Oswald could not have traveled to Dallas by train or bus; and if so, there is no record maintained by these carriers as to names of passengers.

DISPOSITION

This case is closed in New Orleans with submission of this report.